

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C., Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Frisbee.

Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that applicant's blade assembly supports the front end of the frame of the vehicle above the floor. This is not true in Frisbee which is supported by a pair of drive track frames 14.

The Examiner has objected to claim 2, indicating it would be allowable if rewritten as an independent claim incorporating all of the limitations of its base claim and intervening claims. This amendment has been made.

Claim 3 is dependent from claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons set forth with respect to claim 1.

Claim 4 has been amended to clarify that the radial arms of applicant's device pivot at a position forward of the left and right drive wheels of the vehicle. This is not true in Frisbee as is best seen in Figure 2.

The Examiner has objected to claim 5, indicating that it would be allowable if submitted in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of its base and intervening claims. Claim 5 has been amended accordingly.

Claim 6 is dependent on claim 4 and is allowable for the reasons set forth with respect to claim 4.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 are allowable.

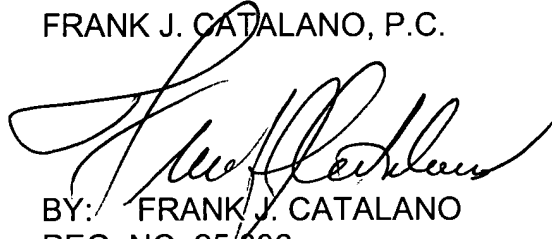
Conclusion

Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that all of the claims as amended are allowable over the cited reference and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$84.00 for the two additional independent claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional costs or credit any overpayments required by this Response to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 03-1127.

Respectfully submitted,

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